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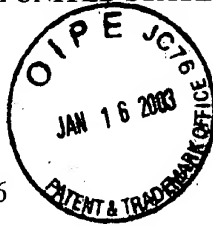
In re Application of

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For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A MAGNETIC TUNNEL
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Group Art Unit: 2818

Examiner: D. Lam

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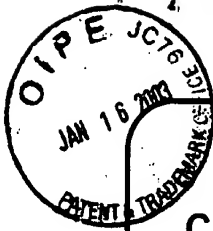
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